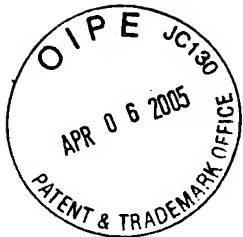


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time, to and including April 6, 2005, to respond to the Office Action mailed October 06, 2004. The fee currently due is \$1,020.00. This extension of time is being filed solely to maintain co-pendency between the instant application and a continuation of the instant application which is being filed today, April 6, 2005, under attorney docket number NEX85/PCT-US/C.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees not included or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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